

Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to better comply with U.S. practice. The amendments are supported by the original claims and page 15, lines 12-15 (claims 5-8), page 1, lines 12-16 and page 15, lines 4-6 (claims 9-20). No new matter has been added. After entry of this amendment, claims pending are claims 5-20.

No additional fee should be due. However, if the undersigned is mistaken, please charge any fees required by the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Prompt, favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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